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YAMUNA VIKAS BOARD FOR CLEANING YAMUNA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of cleaning the Yamuna river was prepared in the year 1997 to enable Delhi to become self-reliant for potable water;

(b) if so, whether since then, no initiative has been taken either by State or Union Government in regard to carry on the work on said proposal;

(c) if so, whether Delhi is facing acute shortage of water as a result thereof;

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering to constitute Yamuna Vikas Board so that proposal can be taken up for execution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when this Board is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) No, Sir. A programme, namely Yamuna Action Plan-I (YAP-I) was launched by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in 1993 for cleaning of river Yamuna in the three States of Delhi, UP and Haryana with funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation(JBIC). The objective of the implementation of the YAP was to improve the existing water quality of the river to the bathing quality. The project was completed in February, 2003. The main works covered under YAP-I were interception and diversion of sewage, construction of sewage treatment plants, community toilet complexes and crematoria. A treatment capacity of 734 million litre per day (mld) was created under this programme, of which 401 mld were in UP, 303 mld in Haryana and 30 mld in Delhi. In addition, another programme, namely, YAP-II has further been approved for abatement of pollution of river Yamuna in the three States of UP, Haryana and Delhi with JBIC funding for improving the existing water quality of the river to the bathing quality. The main components to be implemented under the programme in Delhi are Sewage Treatment Plant (135 mld capacity new and 324 mld capacity rehabilitation) and Rehabilitation/replacement of trunk sewers (30.82 kms.). Apart from YAP, other works such as augmentation of sewage treatment capacity, refurbishing the sewerage system etc. and providing sewerage in unauthorised regularised & resettlement colonies etc. are also being undertaken by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to bring the water quality of the river to bathing quality in Delhi.

As far as shortage of water in Delhi is concerned, it is to mention that the total water requirement for Delhi at present is 900 million gallons per day against a production of 675 million gallons per day. To bridge this gap, Delhi Jal Board is reported to be constructing a 140 million gallons per day water treatment plant at Sonia Vihar. Also, construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur is in progress, which will make available additional 80 million gallons per day of raw water due to savings in enroute losses. At present, there is no plan to constitute Yamuna Vikas Board for cleaning Yamuna so as to make it self reliant for potable water.